CHAPTER 11 A SHERIFF DOESN'T KNOW DEFEAT

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DEAD or LOVE

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IN THE WILD WEST, WHERE THE STRONG MAKE THE RULES
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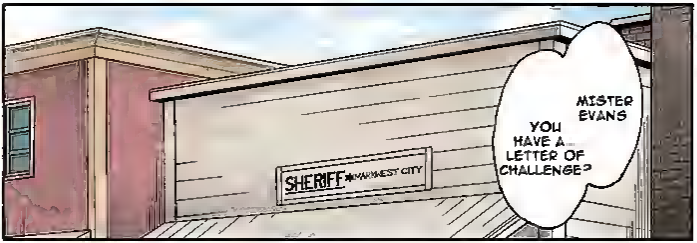
AND THE GOAL OF EVERY OTHER SKILLED GUNSLINGER IS TO PROVE THAT THEY ARE FASTER THAN HIM


SHERIFF
MISTER EVANS
YOU HAVE A... LETTER OF CHALLENGE?

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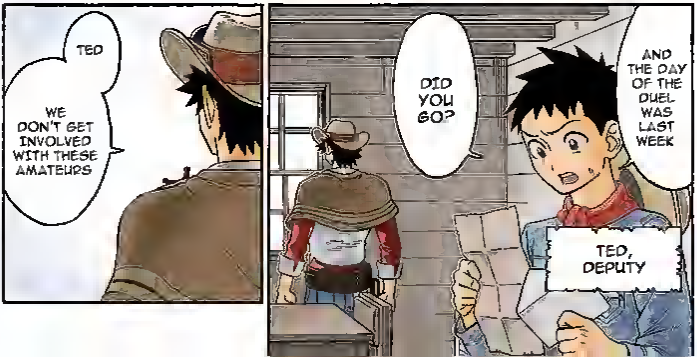
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WE DON'T GET INVOLVED WITH THESE AMATEURS
DID YOU GO?
AND THE DAY OF THE DUEL WAS LAST WEEK
TED, DEPUTY

ARE YOU SURE IT'S NOT JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE SCARED?
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EVEN THOUGH HE BECAME A SHERIFF TO BE POPULAR WITH WOMEN.
WE DID NOT BECOME LAWMEN TO PROVE OURSELVES TO ANYBODY.

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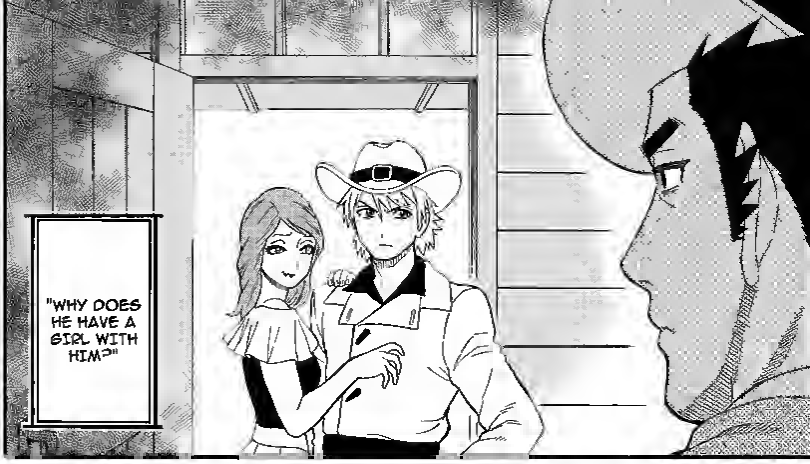
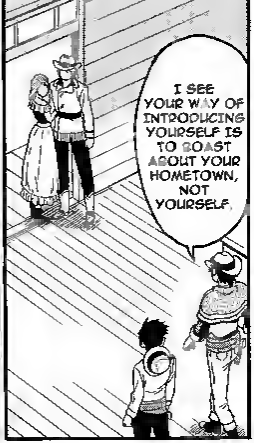
EVANS IS USED TO THESE KINDS OF PROVO -CATIONS
THERE IS ONE THING THAT MAKES HIM UNCOM- FORTABLE, HOWEVER
I'M HERE TO ASK YOU AGAIN DIRECTLY, EVANS…
DUEL WITH ME

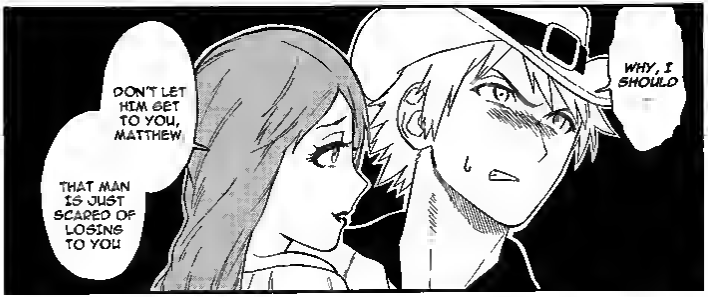

"WHY DOES HE HAVE A GIRL WITH HIM?"

OH, EXCUSE ME
WHY DON T YOU KNOW TELL US YOUR NAME FIRST, MISTER?

MATTHEW JAMES.
FROM THE VIGILANTE CORP OF CAPE BALL.
WE ARE A GROUP OF PASSIONATE PEOPLE WHO BATTLE EVIL EVERYDAY
MATTHEW JAMES, FORMER VIGILANTE
COMPARED TO WHERE I CAME FROM THIS PLACE COULD BE CALLED A PARADISE

SO, IS THAT ALL YOU GOT TO SAY? (WHY DO YOU HAVE A WOMAN WITH YOU?)


I SEE YOUR WAY OF INTRODUCING YOURSELF IS TO BOAST ABOUT YOUR HOMETOWN, NOT YOURSELF.


DON'T LET HIM GET TO YOU, MATTHEW.
THAT MAN IS JUST SCARED OF LOSING TO YOU.
WHY, I SHOULD...

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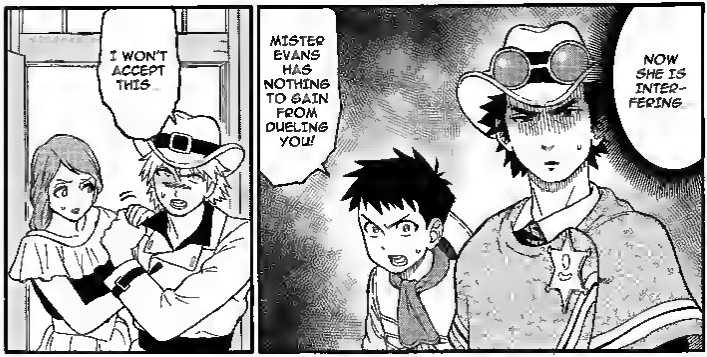
I WON'T ACCEPT THIS...
MISTER EVANS HAS NOTHING TO GAIN FROM DUELING YOU!
NOW SHE IS INTER-FERING.

NOT UNTIL YOU GIVE ME A REASON.
PERHAPS... BECAUSE YOU HAVE A WOMAN LINKING ARMS WITH YOU?

TO SOME-ONE WHO NEVER HAD A GIRL-FRIEND, LIKE EVANS
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THERE IS NOTHING MORE ANNOYING THAN THIS SIGHT

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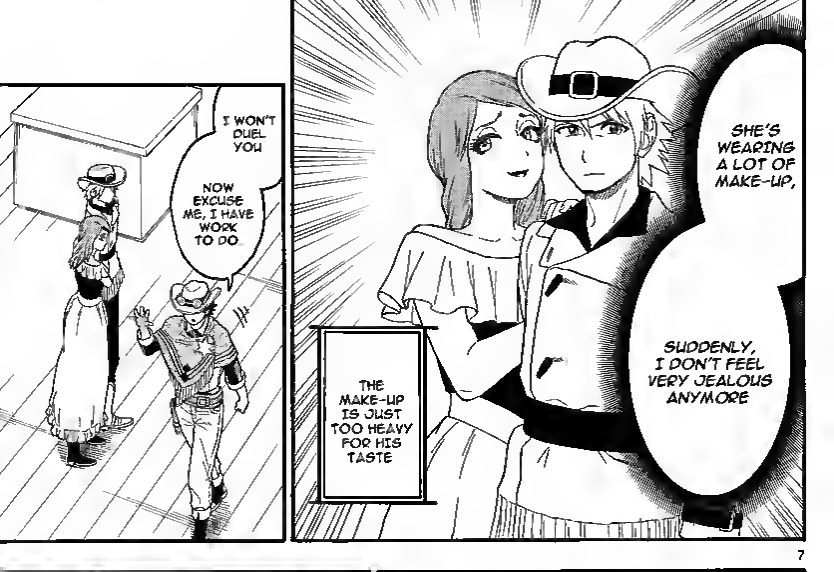
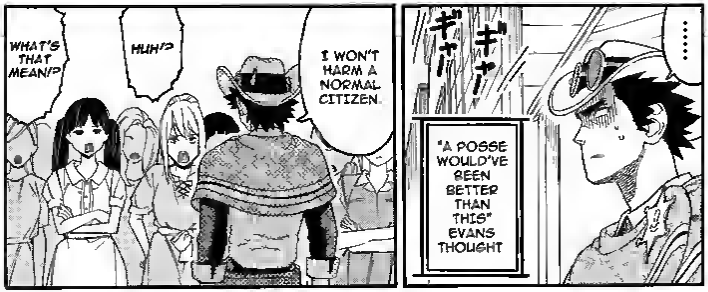
KEEP CALM...
AND LOOK CAREFULLY
MISTER EVANS WILL NOT BE PROVOKED BY YOU, NO MATTER WHAT!
BUT THE ATMO-SPHERE IS PRE-VENTING HIM FROM DOING ANYTHING ABOUT IT


I WON'T DUEL YOU
NOW EXCUSE ME, I HAVE WORK TO DO
SHE'S WEARING A LOT OF MAKE-UP,
THE MAKE-UP IS JUST TOO HEAVY FOR HIS TASTE
SUDDENLY, I DON'T FEEL VERY JEALOUS ANYMORE

WHAT KIND OF COWARD BRINGS A POSSE WITH HIM TO DUEL SOMEONE...?
MY FRIENDS OUTSIDE WON'T LET YOU OFF EASY, SHERIFF...
IF YOU'RE MAN, COME ALONE !!

DUEL WITH MATTHEW!
ARE YOU RUNNING AWAY!?


WHAT'S THAT MEAN!?
HUH!?
I WON'T HARM A NORMAL CITIZEN.
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"A POSSE WOULD'VE BEEN BETTER THAN THIS" EVANS THOUGHT

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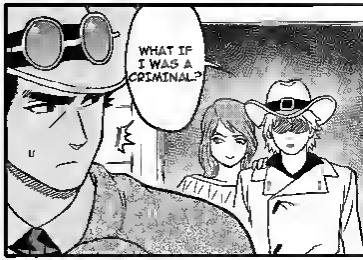
MATTHEW IS A WANTED CRIMINAL BACK IN CAPE BALL.
WANTED
MATTHEW JAMES
$20M REWARD
DEAD OR ALIVE


WHAT IF I WAS A CRIMINAL?

MY VIGILANTE CORP BECAME CORRUPTED AND WAS TRYING TO LYNCH PEOPLE, WHICH I OBJECTED TO
SO I WAS CHASED FROM CAPE BALL FOR INTERFERING WITH THE EXECUTION
IT'S NOT MATTHEW'S FAULT!
WHAT HE DID WASN'T WRONG!
NOW, I'M JUST A WANTED CRIMINAL.
GODDAMN ... TRAGIC HERO...!
EVANS FEELS THAT MATTHEW'S CONFESSION OF CRIME WASN'T SINCERE ENOUGH.
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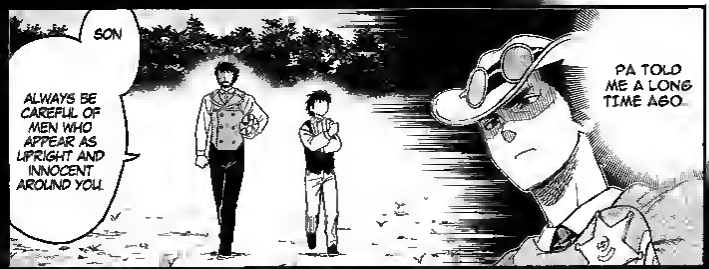
I SHOULDN'T DO THIS
NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT...
I'M THE VILLAIN IN THIS FIGHT
WELL!?
IS THAT ENOUGH OF A REASON!?

SHERIFF EVANS, ARE YOU SURE!?
STAY OUT OF THIS...
FINE.
BUT HE REALLY WANTS TO GIVE THE GUY A BEATING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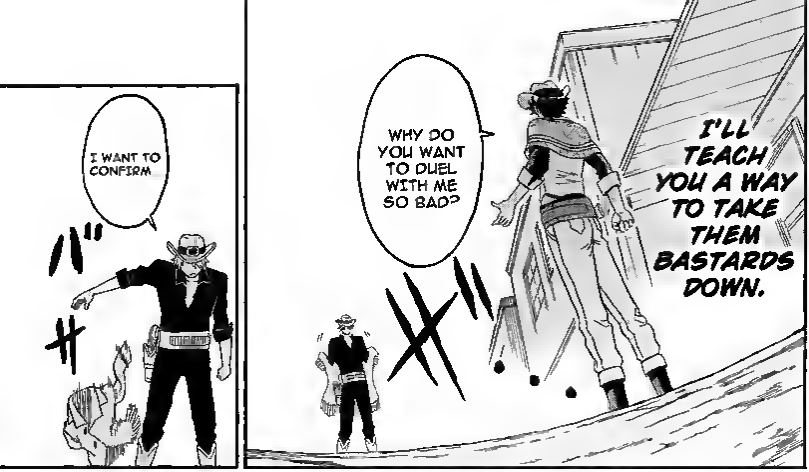
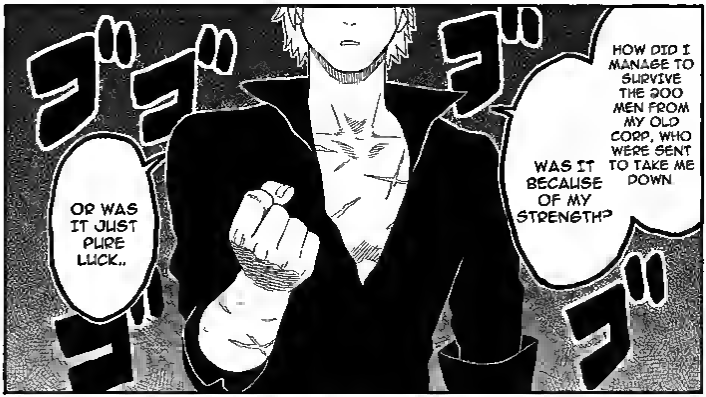
ALWAYS BE CAREFUL OF MEN WHO APPEAR AS UPRIGHT AND INNOCENT AROUND YOU.
PA TOLD ME A LONG TIME AGO...

BECAUSE THEY MAKE ME WANT TO PUKE.

IS IT BECAUSE THEY MIGHT STAB ME IN THE BACK...?
NO.


I'LL TEACH YOU A WAY TO TAKE THEM BASTARDS DOWN.
WHY DO YOU WANT TO DUEL WITH ME SO BAD?
I WANT TO CONFIRM


HOW DID I MANAGE TO SURVIVE THE 200 MEN FROM MY OLD CORP, WHO WERE SENT TO TAKE ME DOWN
WAS IT BECAUSE OF MY STRENGTH?
OR WAS IT JUST PURE LUCK..

AND ANYONE WHO IS SKILLED WITH A GUN...
WANTS TO PROVE THAT THEY ARE FASTER THAN HIM.

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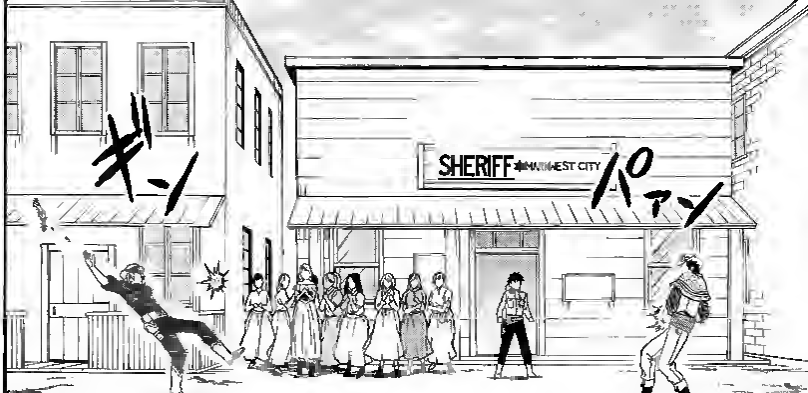
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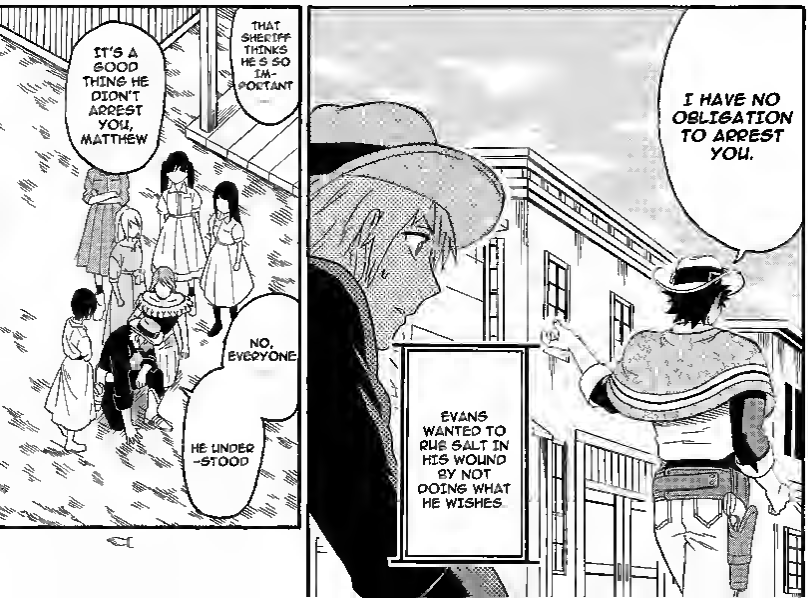
EVANS...
HE FEELS A LOT BETTER NOW
...I GUESS IT WAS JUST LUCK.

I THINK YOU'RE MISTAKEN
YOU ARE A CRIMINAL FROM ANOTHER STATE.
I LOST...
IT'S AN HONOR TO BE ARRESTED BY YOU


IT'S A GOOD THING HE DIDN'T ARREST YOU, MATTHEW
THAT SHERIFF THINKS HE'S SO IM-PORTANT...
NO, EVERYONE
HE UNDER-STOOD
I HAVE NO OBLIGATION TO ARREST YOU.
EVANS WANTED TO RUB SALT IN HIS WOUND BY NOT DOING WHAT HE WISHES.

HE KNOW THAT I AM INNOCENT...

EVANS BECAME A SHERIFF TO BE POPULAR WITH WOMEN
WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU MATTHEW!
IT'S OKAY!
I'LL WIN NEXT TIME
I'M SORRY EVERY-ONE

BUT ALL HE GOT WAS A SENSE OF DEFEAT
I DON'T FEEL LIKE I WON AT ALL...
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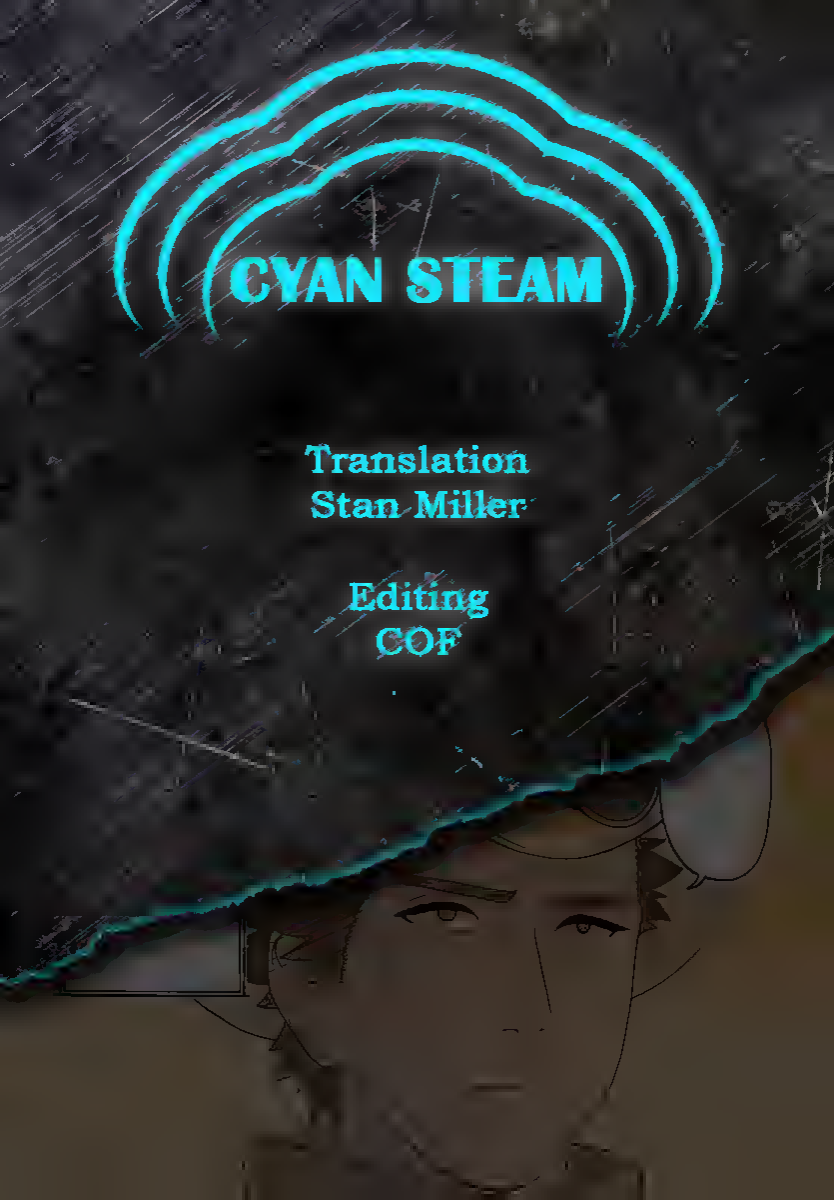
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